

Senate Bill No. 27

CHAPTER 608

An act to add and repeal Section 12994.5 of the Water Code, relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 27, Simitian. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Emergency Preparedness Act of 2008.

Existing law prescribes the duties of the Office of Emergency Services in planning and coordinating disaster mitigation and response efforts in the state.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, upon receipt of appropriate funding, to establish, until January 1, 2011, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force, which would be led by the office, and include the Delta Protection Commission, the Department of Water Resources, and a single representative from each of the 5 delta counties. The task force would be required to make recommendations to the office relating to the creation of an interagency unified command system organizational framework, coordinate the development of a draft emergency preparedness and response strategy for the delta region, and develop and conduct an all-hazard emergency response exercise in the delta. The task force would be required to submit a report with its strategy and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor prior to January 1, 2011, and cease to exist on or before January 1, 2011.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Emergency Preparedness Act of 2008.

SEC. 2. The Legislature intends that a local government entity should not forfeit existing powers or resources, but should work cooperatively with the Office of Emergency Services, the Delta Protection Commission, and the Department of Water Resources, to coordinate state and local emergency responses in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

SEC. 3. Section 12994.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

12994.5. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force, upon funding being made available to the Office of Emergency Services for that purpose.

(b) The task force shall be led by the Office of Emergency Services, and shall include the Delta Protection Commission, the department, and a single representative from each of the five Delta counties.

(c) The task force shall do all of the following:

(1) Make recommendations to the Office of Emergency Services relating to the creation of an interagency unified command system organizational framework, in accordance with the guidelines of the National Incident Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System.

(2) Coordinate the development of a draft emergency preparedness and response strategy for the Delta region, for submission to the Director of the Office of Emergency Services. Where possible, the strategy shall utilize existing interagency plans and planning processes of the involved jurisdictions and agencies that are members of the Delta Protection Commission.

(3) Develop and conduct an all-hazard emergency response exercise in the Delta, designed to test regional coordination protocols already in place.

(d) The task force shall submit a report with its strategy and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor prior to January 1, 2011, and shall cease to exist on or before January 1, 2011.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date.